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P20_____, Village of Westmont

National Suicide Prevention Week Proclamation

Declaring September as National Suicide Prevention month in the Village of Westmont

WHEREAS; September 6-12, 2020 is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week and is intended to help promote awareness; and

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS; According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), in 2018 more than 48,344 people die by suicide, 132 per day; and

WHEREAS; Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US; and

WHEREAS; **Westmont** is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly support in simply being available to one another; and

WHEREAS; local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle to open minds, save lives and restore hope; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate, and

WHEREAS, We can all help prevent suicide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE VILLAGE OF WESTMONT, that September 6-12, 2020 will be designated as "Suicide Prevention Week" in the Village of Westmont.

Passed and approved by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, on this, the 13th day of August, 2020.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

Ron Gunter
Mayor

Attest: _____
Virginia Szyski
Village Clerk